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COLLOCATED OPERATING BASES (COB'S)

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1. FYI. FACILITIES NOW PROPOSED FOR CONSTRUCTION AT
COLLOCATED BASES IN THE NETHERLANDS ARE FOR US RAPID
REACTION AIRCRAFT COMMITTED TO NATO AS EARMARKED FORCES.

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AS SUCH, CURRENT SHAPE CRITERIA CAN PROVIDE FOR NATO

COMMON FUNDING OF SUCH FACILITIES, TO INCLUDE SHELTERS FOR 70 PER CENT OF THESE AIRCRAFT. THIS IS PRECISELY THE NUMBER OF SHELTERS NOW PROPOSED FOR CONSTRUCTION IN THE USAF 1975 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM. THE PURPOSE OF THE US PREFINANCING IS SIMPLY TO GET THESE SHELTERS AND OTHER ESSENTIAL FACILITIES BUILT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, WITH ULTIMATE REIMBURSEMENT FROM NATO INFRA-STRUCTURE. END FYI.

2. AS REQUESTED PARA 3(B) OF REF (B), WE NEED TO KNOW WHETHER NETHERLANDS WILL SPONSOR NECESSARY NATO INFRA-STRUCTURE CONSTRUCTION FOR THESE RAPID REACTION AIRCRAFT. THIS IS NEEDED SOONEST, AND DUTCH NOTE (REF A) FAILS TO ADDRESS THIS PRECISE QUESTION. RUSH

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